

Have Your Say

More than a sea tale

Sir,- The letter titled 'Bastion turning point' (*Snowy River Mail*, April 10), presented by a master seaman of 40 years, contains little more than an old sea tale.

Some agencies fail to support Option 3B, and many of the so-called local/national protesters failed to be recognised in this tale, oppose is due to its un-sea-worthiness.

Risks going to sea can be mitigated using indicators such as tides, swell/wave conditions and storm

warnings.

The letter writer makes a good point about the tragic Sydney to Hobart Yacht Race, and the changes that were implemented after that event, which was a helicopter-based rescue, due to the extreme conditions.

I am tired of hearing the old sea story that keeps getting told by the East Gippsland Shire Council, that the ocean is safer when you build a massive break wall to stop it, even though it hasn't understood that boat operators will struggle to get out past it, and that it increases the risks for all users.

Any person who uses the

tragic death of someone to gain the right to make statements should at least report the facts, and also respect other views.

Yours etc.,
Tim Frazer,
Mallacoota.

Please reconsider

Sir,- I am a regular visitor to Mallacoota and am saddened and disappointed that the Victorian Government has approved the break wall at Bastion Point in Mallacoota.

Mallacoota is such a beautiful coastal town; the natural environment surrounding it is stunning and unique. The break wall will destroy the wonderful surf beach that exists at Bastion Point and the delicate marine environment forever.

I agree that an upgraded boat ramp is needed for boat access, however the planned breakwater is too large. It will be an environmental disaster and the people that use this won-

derful unique beach will lose a beautiful place to surf and enjoy.

This 'development' is hugely expensive for ratepayers and Victorian taxpayers and will incur on-going costs due to the need for continual and regular dredging. The large sum of money spent on this can be better utilised to upgrade the roads, create a much needed hospital or other infrastructure that is vital in a small, isolated and aging community.

Also, maybe the council should also examine the expensive on going unresolved problems that Port Fairy is experiencing when its coastline was designed.

The cost to the ratepayers is on going with no end in sight. It is more appropriate to take measured small changes, than risking major change that cannot be rectified if the worst should come true.

Please reconsider this damaging decision.

Yours etc.,
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